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**To:** Council Northernbeaches Mailbox  
**Subject:** TRIMMED: Proposed DA 2023/1757

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following receipt of the letter dated 11 January 2024 from Council regarding this application I have attempted to look up the plans via the application search and note that this process does not work when you type in the DA no. Not sure why?

I have managed to find the plans which are not easy to read on the small computer screen and I am still unsure where the cars will enter and exit the development.

Overall I support the proposed redevelopment of this shopping centre given the tired and poor state of repair it is in and the construction of the proposed pedestrian bridge which was agreed and promised by the Department of Main Road for the last 20 years. I was told back in 2005 that a new pedestrian bridge for Forestway was next in line after SCEGGS at Neutral Bay but this was clearly another broken promise by the Department.

I believe the following amendments to the plans should be considered:

1. Pedestrian Bridge to integrate with the new pedestrian bridge over Warringah Road with a ramp access & lift if possible rather than stairs on both sides of Forest Way. The ramp to access the new pedestrian bridge over Warringah Road works well and all people can use it from the young to old and bike users.
2. Pedestrian crossing included on Russell Ave and Grace Ave to ensure the safe passage of pedestrians and school children across both these roads. Having only one pedestrian crossing near Ann Street is not sufficient. These are local streets and there should have a safe method of crossing both these roads for pedestrians and bicycles which form 2 of the boundaries of this proposed new development. I understand the Department of Education is keen to see more kids walking and riding to school. This will only occur if we prioritise the safety of pedestrians and cyclists including young children who may ride to school on the footpath.
3. I cannot see any bike parking on the plans with the focus solely on cars.
4. The shared pedestrian path around the property should be increased in width to serve the needs of pedestrians and active transport users.
5. I can't see from the plans where the trucks will enter and exit the shopping centre but a clear and safe separation between the primary school and the tenants of this shopping centre should be a priority.
6. I can see from the plans that this will be a 2 stage construction process and suggest the safety of pedestrians and cyclists mentioned above should be incorporated in stage one of this construction process.

Regards

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